

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Any technology placed for restrictive purposes will eventually be circumvented by anybody remotely intent of defeating them. This will leave the ordinary users left with systems that will fail in some way sooner or later.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? More and more digital transmissions will be personal in the future, video, messages, pictures, etc. These will be on the forefront of technology, as only the sender and receiver need be matched. New technologies will evolve in this way. Broadcast and commercial technologies require the sender and the mass public receivers to match the technology. Often this takes time, resulting in the classic chicken and the egg scenario.

Let the content providers put whatever they want in their products or signals. The market will determine if it is worthwhile. Do not legislate this for a special interest.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Any rules or technology built into products will by their nature limit the ability to use the products or force people to choose between abandoning a feature or breaking the law.

Let's keep to the principle: Of the people, for the people and by the people.